Letter from the Government of Bengal, No. 3754 A, dated the 16th August 1880, making certain suggestions with regard to the examinations to be passed by Native civilians appointed in India, and to the period to be allowed for passing such examinations.

Home Department Circular Nos. 43—1538 to 1546 (Public), dated the 29th September 1880, inviting an expression of the views of the several Local Governments and Administrations in regard to the departmental examinations to be prescribed for Native civilians.

Replies to the above Circular from the Governments of Madras, Bombay, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Panjab; the Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, British Burma, Assam, and Coorg, and the Resident at Hyderabad.

RESOLUTION.—Under the Rules sanctioned by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for regulating the appointment of Natives of India to offices ordinarily held by members of Her Majesty's Covenanted Civil Service, Native civilian probationers cannot, unless specially exempted by the Governor General in Council, be recommended for confirmation in the service until they have passed such examinations as may from time to time be prescribed by the Local Government, subject to the approval of the Government of India.

2. In consequence of certain enquiries and suggestions from the Government of Bengal as to the nature of the examinations to which probationers should be subjected, and as to the period to be allowed for passing them, Local Governments have been consulted on these points, and the Governor General in Council, after considering their replies, is pleased to rule that Native civilian probationers, appointed under the Statutory Rules, may be confirmed in their appointments at the close of the probationary period of two years, provided that they pass within that period the departmental examination by the lower standard prescribed for covenanted civilians appointed in England. With regard to the departmental examination by the higher standard, the Government of India does not consider it necessary to fix any obligatory period within which that examination must be passed by Native civilians appointed in India; but it should be understood that no promotion or increase of pay will be attainable until the higher standard examination has been passed; and, further, that the Governor General in Council reserves to himself power to dispense with the services of any Native civilian appointed under the Statutory Rules who may fail to pass by the higher standard within a reasonable time, and who, as a result of such failure, is found to be disqualified for the efficient discharge of his duties as a member of the Civil Service.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to all Local Governments and Administrations, and to the Department of Finance for information, and that it be published in the *Supplement to the Gazette of India.*

(True Extract,)

C. GRANT,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

Fort William, the 12th January 1881.

No. 14.—The following promotions have effect from the dates specified until further orders:—

Names.	Present Grade.	Grade to which promoted.	Date.	Nature of promotion.
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LeMessurier, Major A., R. E..	Superintending Engineer, Class II.	Superintending Engineer, Class I.	November 7..	Officiating.
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LeMessurier, Major A., R. E..	Officiating Superintending Engineer, Class I.	Superintending Engineer, Class I.	December 1..	Temporary.
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ALEX. FRASER, *Major-Genl., R. E.,*
Secy. to the Govt. of India.